

Is Consumption Contagious?

If our medical journals were to anounce the steady approach to this country—say from China—of an ill-understood, painful and usually fatal malady, which if once established among us would certainly kill half a million of our citizens every year and ultimately carry off one in every five of the entire population, it is safe to presume that the announcement would not be calmly received. As one man, physicians met together unanimously that, by heaven, we should stand the most rigorous quarantine against the infected country. No effort would be accounted too heroic, no precaution too costly, to shield our country from so dire a foreign invasion. And if there were any doubt as to the specific nature of the threatened plague or of the mode of its transmission or inception, neither our medical and sanitary societies nor the Government would rest until competent commissions were sent to investigate the matter. It would be natural enough indifference on the part of medical and sanitary authorities to neglect to make a concerted and persistent effort to discover the causes and remedies of the plague, and how to protect the community from its ravages to secure its victims when attacked.

Would the urgency of the case be diminished in any respect by the circumstance that the supposed invasion had already become a fact accom-
plished?

At first thought, any one would reply: Not in the least; rather on the contrary; for the evil in the latter case would be actual, not threatened merely, and the loss or saving of half a million lives a year is a matter of the gravest national importance. Yet it is a singular fact that while we could be thrown into a panic if half a million lives were threatened with a new disease, we accept as inevitable, almost with indifference, the certain killing of that number of people every year by an old and familiar pestilence. And our medical authorities seem, without a tinge of professional pride, that they really do not know positively how consumption is induced and transmitted, or whether it is communicated from the sick to the well or not; and, worse yet, they confess without flinching that they do not contemplate any special or general effort to have such momentous questions critically investigated!

When half a million of discontented natives of Europe throng to our shores in a single year we do not fail to appreciate the importance of the gain, both immediate and prospective. When a larger number of our own citizens are cut off unlifely by a disease which, while it destroys them, transmits a legacy of sickness and too often early death to their descendants, we mourn our individual losses, but make no adequate effort to put an end to the national loss by unceasing among the scientific determination of its conditions, causes and remedies. Already one in every five of our population dies of consumption and the indications are that the conditions of our civilization tend to increase the death rate from this cause. If the disease is infectious, as many believe, the multiplication of cases may sooner or later reach a point—if its progress is unchecked—at which a perpetuation of our race and the civilization developed by it will become impossible. Other races and civilizations have disappeared, leaving no explanation of the secret of their decline. Others, we have good reasons to believe, have been exterminated by plagues peculiar to them, developed, in all probability, by something peculiar to their modes of living.

But there is any imminent danger of so disastrous a result to our race and civilization from the increase of consumption, no one but an alarmist would suppose; still it remains an impending possibility, more especially if there is any error in the common belief that the disease is not contagious or infectious.—*American*.

A party of gentlemen were shooting in the neighborhood of Blackwood, near Galtigroves, when a valuable dog was bitten by a viper. The poor animal almost immediately showed symptoms of the venomous bite of the viper, in fainting, sickness and occasional vomiting. On the following day the keeper visited the same spot, and discovered the reptile basking on a heap of stones, a number of young vipers around her. When he approached her he could plainly see the mother opening her mouth, and the young vipers crawling in. When killed, eleven young ones took their appearance, alive and active, and of the same color as a mackerel. The length of the viper was two feet six inches, and the young vipers six inches each.—*London Times*.

Lord Belgrave has more of an army now than generally supposed, or than is usually good for it. In time of peace he has 46,277 men and officers, with 2,000 horses and 204 field and siege guns, and on a war footing 103,653 men, 15,800 horses and 210 guns. The militia likewise comprise 120,000 men.

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Dealers in all kinds of

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Tenth Street, near Princess Avenue.

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SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General at Ottawa until noon on 18th May for the conveyance of her Majesty's Mails, on proposed contract for four years, once per week each way between Birtle and Rossburn, via Toddburn, from the first July next.

The contract to be made in a suitable vehicle, the mails to leave Birtle every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m., arrive at Rossburn at 12:30 p.m. Leave Rossburn same day at 2:30 p.m., arrive at Birtle at 8:30 p.m. Or if more suitable to the parties tendering the contract and negotiate as follows: Leave Rossburn at 6:30 a.m., arrive at Birtle at 12:30 p.m. Leave Birtle same day at 1:30 p.m., and arrive at Rossburn at 7:30 p.m.

Further notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen, and blank form of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Birtle, Toddburn, and Rossburn, or at the Office of the subscriber,

**W. W. McLeod,
Post Office Inspector, J.
Windipeg, 29th March 1883.**

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of carefully selected Railway Lands for sale in the Oak River, Virden and Souris Valley Districts, at \$3.00 to \$3.50 per acre, 4 years for improvements, upon which a rebate of \$1.25 will be allowed by the Syndicate.

A Splendid Farm, 150 acres, 120 of which is broken, about two miles south of Brandon, for sale cheap. 500 Brandons Lots for sale cheap on easy terms. For particulars apply to

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TO LET—4 Stores in the best commercial center of the Avenue. 1 good Stand-building 24x7 within 100 feet from the new Station. 4 large Stores in Richard's Block, with 14 bedrooms and Offices. 1 large Store with bedrooms and Offices on 10th Street close by the new Station. very cheap—this would do very well for Hotel

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2 dozen wrought iron Bedstands, 1 new Backboard, 1 forge and outfit, 1 Half Breed cart, 1 Single Harness, 1 Pair of Wheels, 10 Tons of Hay close by the Station, 3 Bath Tubs 150 lbs. of lead pipes and taps to be sold very cheap.

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100,000 CAPITALISES

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TOWN LOTS

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He has for sale the balance unsold of the Lots on the

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which is now being rebuilt and will be ready for occupation on or about the 15th of May next.

The building may be seen at the office of Mr. McClelland & Co., Brandon. Apply to M. BOYAN, 82 Main.

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TRAVELLER'S GUIDE. RAILROAD TIME TABLE

On and after December 10, 1882, trains will move as follows:

G. W. Going East.
11 a.m. Leave Winnipeg Arrive 6:55 p.m.
Portage la Prairie 3:35 p.m.
Brandon 11:40 a.m.
Oak Lake 10:20 a.m.
Headingley 1:00 p.m.
Swift Current 7:00 p.m.

9:45 a.m. Arrive Swift Current Leaves 7:00 p.m.

9:45 a.m. Leave Rat Portage Arrive 4:05 p.m.
Whitemouth 11:55 p.m.
Selkirk 9:30 a.m.
Winnipeg 8:45 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Leave Winnipeg Arrive 4:10 p.m.
Stonehenge 2:30 p.m.

G. S. Going South.
7:35 a.m. Leave Winnipeg Arrive 7:00 p.m.
Ottawa 1:50 p.m.
Emerson 4:45 p.m.
St. Vincent Leaves 1:00 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Magnificent Palace Sleeping Cars will be run daily between Winnipeg and Regina.

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The conveyances to be made in a suitable vehicle.

The mails to leave Winnipeg daily Sunday evening at 7 a.m. and arrive at St. Boniface at 7:30 a.m. Leave St. Boniface same day at 6 p.m. and arrive at Winnipeg at 6:30 p.m. Or if more suitable to parties tendering, the arrival and departure may be as follows. Leave La Broquerie every Friday at 6 a.m. and arrive at Winnipeg at 5 p.m. Leave Winnipeg every Saturday at 5:30 a.m. and arrive at La Broquerie at 6:30 p.m.

Printed and forwarded further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms to tender may be obtained at the Post Office of La Broquerie Clearings, St. Boniface and Winnipeg.

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Post Office Inspectors Office, Winnipeg, 28th March 1882.

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Having a large Stock of Woollens, Worsted, Scotch Suitings and Tweeds. They respectfully solicit the patronage of those who appreciate really good things.

Hats and Gents Furnishings

Of Every Variety Of Style

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Our stock of Dress Goods for the season comprises

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GROCERIES

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DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF
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**Clothing and Gentlemen's
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unrivalled in the City for Cheapness, Style,
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The Boot & Shoe Department
is most complete in extent, variety of style
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**The Grocery and Provision
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comprises an immense and unlimited range of
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Every Organ was tested for five years.

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LONGFELLOW.

Some of the Outer Visitors He Was Wont to Entertain.
(Post Bayeon, in the Christian Union.)

During the Centennial year we were sitting together one beautiful afternoon, in his piazza, smoking and talking. While we were in the midst of our conversation I observed two men and two women coming toward us across the lawn. They were obviously New England country folks returning from the Centennial Exhibition. The men had the slow, deliberate, rustic walk, and were dressed in ill-fitting broadcloth, the very look of which made one shiver. The women, who were leading the way, had an appearance of pluck and enterprise, as if they were determined to conquer the modest diffidence of their companions. Mr. Longfellow was sitting with his back to the street, and did not observe them until they were within a yard of the piazza. He looked a little surprised, but arose and saluted the intruders with his wonted courtesy.

"Be you the post Longfellow?" asked one of the women, in a voice that was incredibly melodious.

"Yes, I am Mr. Longfellow," he answered.

There was an awkward pause, during which the visitors stared at the post with unabashed glances as if he had been a Centennial relic on exhibition.

"Now, how old a man might you be?" queried the other female, abruptly.

"I am 60 years old, madam."

"Pears to me you look considerably older," said one of them, looking up sideways to Mr. Longfellow's face with critical air.

"My looks may belie me. I am no older."

I could not but wonder at the extreme frankness with which he answered these blunt questions, showing no timeliness in his face and no resentment. And then, finally, at their request, he conducted the party through the house, he submitted with the same gentle courtesy to a cross examination regarding his family and personal affairs which would have tried the patience of the archangel Gabriel. When, at the end of half an hour, he returned, apologizing for his absence, I made a remark which was, perhaps, a little disrespectful to his late gallant.

"They meant no disrespect to me by their questions," he answered, with that beautiful gentleness which was so characteristic of his manner. "It is perfectly proper, where they come from, to inquire on one's self in the personal affairs of everybody."

"But it must be a great inconvenience to you," I observed, "to be so frequently disturbed by such examinations."

"Well, during the present year I hardly ever have been disturbed by a man or woman away who has come out here for the purpose of seeing me or my house. Of course I have to do it occasionally, but it is always disagreeable to me needlessly to disappoint any one. Those women whom you see are a good stanch New England type, and I like them in spite of their lack of tact and their abrupt manners. They are good, hard-working women, who make good wives and good mothers. And yet, the other day, I was greatly amused at one of the same class who came here with a large basket—whether she had anything to sell I did not ascertain—apparently for the purpose of telling me that she had read 'Evangeline' from beginning to end, and, "she added, 'there hasn't many folks can say that.' I am convinced now that she had no intention of being rude to me; she was merely awkward and nervous, and said what she did not mean to say. I asked her if she had found the reading of 'Evangeline' such a dreadful task. The question seemed to surprise her; she grew embarrassed, and showed plainly that she had no recollection of having said anything uncomplimentary."

Things We Outgrow.
It is both the curse and the blessing of our American life that we are never quite content. We all expect to go somewhere before we die, and have another time when we get there than we have at home. The basis of our life discontent. We say we will work to-morrow, and then we will enjoy ourselves. But we find it just as the horse has expressed it. "When I was a boy," he said, "I wanted some toy, and I wanted it bad; but the time, when I was a boy, I had a spirit, but I don't want it any more."—*Bethel College.*

Sheriff Bentz says he has killed twenty-seven Indians with his own hands. How the United States army mismanaged him!

A German paper tells of a calf that walked into a house, went into the best room, laid down on a bed, where it took a long nap, and then went out. The calf was probably the son of the editor.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

ETIQUETTE OF INTRODUCTION.

It is often said that great caution ought to be exercised in introducing people to each other, but a somewhat exaggerated importance has been attached to this point. As a rule, you are not likely to meet in any house where you yourself visit any person whom you would not be willing to know. It is a graceful courtesy, however, when a gentleman expresses a wish to be presented to a lady to tell her of it and ask her permission in advance. There is often something in the very fact that a man has desired to know her which would incline a woman favorably toward him. A man is introduced to a lady; of two ladies or two gentlemen the younger is presented to the elder or the least distinguished to the better known. It is always well to give two strangers a slight hint on which a conversation can be based. If you are introduced to Mr. Hardy, it is a name, no more; but if your hostess adds, "Mr. Hardy, of whose novels you are so fond," you at once understand the value of your opportunity.

It is better to present "Mr. Browne, from New York," than merely Mr. Browne. The name of the city may recall the thought of some common friend; at least it gives you a score of suggestions for the first conversation, which, between shy people, is often an effort. If you know that your interlocutor is an author, an artist, a musician you are thus furnished a key to whatever is most interesting in his range of thought and experience. It would have been hard to forgive a hostess who would have presented Trelawney to you without letting you know it was the Trelawney of Byron and Shelley; or Sovern, without any suggestion that it was the Sovern whom Keats loved. One likes to know even who has been neighbor to the rose.

It is rudeness, when some one asks to be presented to you, not to use your best efforts to make the conversation pleasant. Merely to bow and say good evening is not sufficient. The small coin of social intercourse is imperatively called for. Especially when you are the hostess and a guest has been brought by a friend all your social tact would be well employed to make the newcomer feel welcome and at home. In nothing is the very breeding of which true kindness is the very soul more surely tested than in the reception of a guest who perceives herself to have come at an inopportune time.

Destroyers of Contagion.

The Boston *Journal of Chemistry* says: Modern science has let in a flood of light upon the causes of many illnesses, and the nature of the contagion upon which their propagation depends. Not only has the cause of disease been traced to agents external to the body, but the exact forms of these disturbing organisms has been pointed out. They consist of minute particles, probably in mass or all cases of a vegetable nature; they are therefore non-gaseous and in no respect comport themselves like gaseous bodies.

The best method to disinfect clothing is by the use of heat. Experiment has shown that no form of contagion can withstand a temperature of 220 degrees Fahrenheit; therefore, clothing placed in a box two hours, with dry heat above that of boiling water, is thoroughly disinfected; or it may be soaked in boiling water with the same result.

Chlorine is a very good body, and is in ordinary cases an effective disinfectant.

It is, however, inferior to sulphuric acid; this is the most valuable agent we have, but unfortunately it is not safe in inexperienced hands.

A room in which a case of infectious disease has been placed can be thoroughly cleansed by burning a little sulphur in the absence of the inmates.

The sulphuric acid is a gas exceedingly disagreeable and irreparable, and great caution is necessary in its use.

Permanaganate of potash is a true disinfectant having oxidizing powers of high capability, but it must be used in much larger quantities than are usually employed.

Its high cost is a bar to its use, and it is not clearly seen how it can ever become much cheaper.

Chloride of lime, freely used, is a good disinfectant; but when it is placed in vessels in small quantities in sick-rooms or sparingly sprinkled in drains, it has but slight influence as a destroyer of contagion.

Carbolic acid is a cheap and good disinfectant, but it must be used in large amounts to be useful.

Several of the metallic salts have powerful antiseptic properties; for example,

the phosphofluorite of iron. This salt, in strong solution, is a valuable agent, and is worthy of notice.

At this point it should be stated that carbolic acid and the metallic salts, used in small quantities, are preservative agents, and may actually prolong the life of contagion by preventing its destruction through natural processes.

There are numerous patented "antiseptics" and "disinfectants" which are perfectly worthless so far as any influence upon septic germs is concerned.

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